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SUBJECT:TAKESHITA STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT FORD'S JAPAN
VISIT

1. WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS SAM 27000
2. FOLLOWING DOCUMENT HANDED TO STUART ROCKWELL BY
JAPANESE CHARGE AT WHITE HOUSE 9:15 A.M. NOVEMBER 17.
CHARGE SAID STATEMENT WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC FOUR OR FIVE
HOURS BEFORE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN JAPAN:

QUOTE AFTER CABINET MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, MR.
TAKESHITA, THE CHIEF SECRETARY OF THE CABINET, WILL ISSUE
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD RUDOLPH
FORD, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WILL
VISIT JAPAN BEGINNING FROM TODAY UNTIL THE 22ND OF THIS
MONTH.

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THE VISIT TO JAPAN OF A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN

OFFICE IS THE VERY FIRST ONE SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO, AND THEREFORE, THIS IS A REALLY EPOCH-MAKING EVENT. THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE

UNITED STATES HAS BEEN EXPANDING IN SCOPE AND DEPTH OVER THE RECENT YEARS, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN SINCERELY WELCOMES THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN DEVELOPING STEADILY AND HAS REACHED A STAGE OF MATURITY WHERE THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL NOT ONLY SETTLE BILATERAL ISSUES, BUT ALSO EXPLORE THE COMMON TASKS AND ROLES THE TWO COUNTRIES MAY TAKE UP FROM WIDER VIEWPOINT OF "JAPAN-U.S. RELATIONSHIP IN THE WORLD", SO THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES MAY CLOSELY CONSULT AND COOPERATE WHERE NECESSARY IN TACKLING THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMY. THE VISIT TO JAPAN OF PRESIDENT FORD WILL CONSTITUTE A MAJOR MILESTONE DESIGNATING THE START OF A NEW ERA IN JAPANESE-U.S. RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL BE MORE RICH AND COMPLETE THAN BEFORE. THEREFORE, TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN WHOLE-HEARTEDLY WELCOMES THE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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